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SIR:

Responsive to the Decision on Appeal dated September 26, 2006, an RCE being filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 7.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.